

REMARKS

To expedite prosecution, all claims previously extant in the application (except claim 9) are now dependent, either directly or indirectly, on claim 9. Hence claim 9 is generic and there are no claims that are independent and distinct from claim 9.

Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications on the subject matter of the former independent claims.

In response to the restriction requirement between the inventions of Group I, that the office action states includes claims 1, 2, 4, 6-24, 33, and 36-41, and Group II, that the office action states includes claims 25-32, 34 and 35, applicant elects Group I. However, applicant cannot agree that claims 34 and 35 are properly in Group II. This is because claims 34 and 35 respectively depend on claims 9 and 16, and thus include all the limitations of claims 9 and 16.

In response to the requirement to elect one of species 1, 2 or 3, applicants elect to prosecute species 2 in this application. Since all claims now include the slide-in cable requirement of species 2, all claims now read on species 2.

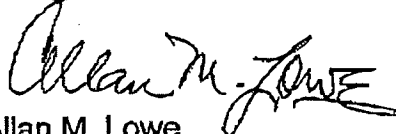
The restriction requirement between species 1 and 2 is traversed. The office action states species 1 is concerned with a "no slide-in data connector" and species 2 is related to "a slide-in cable connector." Because there are no claims with a limitation for a "no slide-in data connector," restriction between species 1 and 2 is incorrect.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, consideration of all claims is in order.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 08-2025 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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